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## GOING LOCAL – Australia-Victoria-Wimmera-Horsham-Goroke

### MURDER AT GOROKE



Above left the home where Julie-Ann Rogers was killed. Right, the SES and Rural Fire Brigade shed. Pic: F. Töben

#### Goroke in mourning over tragic death

BY TRENT HORNEMAN AT GOROKE

15 February, 2012 09:37 AM

AN Australian flag flying at half mast was the first sight greeting visitors in Goroke on Monday morning, a simple and dignified gesture from a town which had lost one of its own.

Julie-Ann Rogers, nee Trenery, grew up in Goroke and was a well-known member of the community. She had five children and was four months pregnant when she died on Sunday night.

Goroke residents were in disbelief on Monday morning, many of whom slept on Sunday night, unaware of the tragedy unfolding.

Edwin Mitchell owns the town's news-agency. He said like many residents, the news was tragic.

"Things like this just don't happen in a town like Goroke," he said. "Everyone is in shock."

Social media sites were flooded with tributes on Monday as family and friends were shocked and saddened by her loss.

Mrs Rogers is survived by five children. Four of her children attend Goroke P-12 College.

Principal Joy Forbes said the school community was shocked to hear of the news.

"We obviously extend our sympathy to the family," she said. "We will have support structures in place when the children return to school."

Mrs Forbes said she planned to address the students and staff about the tragedy.

"On Monday we were bound by privacy not to say much. But we are in the process of organising something," she said.

Mrs Forbes said Mrs Rogers had been involved with the school.

"At times she was part of the school community. She came in to listen to students read," she said.



**INVESTIGATION: Police scour a Goroke property on Monday after Julie-Ann Rogers was dead on Sunday night. Picture: SAMANTHA CAMARRI**



**MARK OF RESPECT: A flag in Goroke flies at half-mast on Monday.**

<http://www.mailtimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/goroke-in-mourning-over-tragic-death/2456074.aspx>

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#### **Wimmera murders spark interest and concern**

**BY LAUREN HENRY, 15 Feb, 2012 09:55 AM**

POLICE have reassured the Wimmera is still a safe place to live, despite two murders within two days raising concerns in the community.

Benjamin McLeod died on Saturday after being assaulted by six men in Horsham North on Friday night. Julie-Ann Rogers, a mother of five, was shot dead in Goroke on Sunday night.

All alleged offenders are in police custody.

Horsham police service area Acting Inspector Brendan Broadbent said the alleged murders were totally unrelated.

"It's not a common occurrence, people aren't going around killing people," he said.

"A lot of police resources were used and the offenders were identified and arrested quickly."

Acting Inspector Broadbent said there was widespread public interest in the two cases.

"People take a lot of interest in it and want to follow the story," he said. "There's been a lot of information circulating on Facebook. People shouldn't believe that information, it's not factual."

Acting Inspector Broadbent warned people close to the offences to stay away from seeking retribution.

"Police are aware of hostilities, and people shouldn't take matters into their own hands to square up," he said.

"Police are aware of threats and rumblings in the community. People should be very wary of what they put on Facebook."

Acting Inspector Broadbent said the murders would have an impact on the community, in particular people who witnessed the events.

He urged people who witnessed the incidents and were yet to come forward to police to call Horsham Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Acting Inspector Broadbent said police believed the most recent murder in Horsham was in 1965.

"These are rare events, and we've unfortunately had two very close together, albeit in different towns," he said.

"We are a safe community."

Acting Inspector Broadbent said police would be following up in Horsham North and Goroke to provide information and links to victims of crime help lines.

"We're going to have young kids touched by it, so we'll be working with them to make schools aware of the effects on children," he said.

Acting Inspector Broadbent said a large amount of Horsham police resources were used over the weekend.

"It's been a fantastic effort by the team, people coming in on their days off, working 16-hour days. I've been very proud of the way officers have come together and the community should be proud too," he said.

<http://www.mailtimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/wimmeramurderssparkinterestandconcern/2456071.aspx>

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#### **Murder charge after Goroke shooting death**

**February 14, 2012**

A man accused of shooting dead a woman in Victoria's west will face court over her murder and the attempted murder of another man today.

Michael Kelly, 47, of Apsley, was yesterday charged with the murder of a Goroke woman who was killed on Sunday night.

Police allege Kelly fired a shot into the Goroke home on Sunday about 10.30pm, before entering through the back door of the property.

Police allege Kelly then shot the woman before chasing another man, believed to be his intended target, firing several more shots.

Kelly was charged with an additional count of attempted murder today in relation to the man.

Homicide squad detectives searched a Goroke home, on the corner of Barrack and Station streets, yesterday.

They also searched a residence in Apsley, retrieving a shirt for DNA testing.

Kelly faced an out-of-sessions court hearing in Horsham on Monday night, but the matter was adjourned because Kelly had no legal representation.

He is due to face Horsham Magistrates' Court today.

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/murder-charge-aftergorokeshootingdeath201202141t34g.html#ixzz1maEB7owS>

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**Apsley man charged with Goroke murder**

An Apsley man has been charged with murder after a Goroke woman was shot dead on Sunday night.

<http://www.mailtimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/goroke-in-mourning-over-tragic-death/2456074.aspx>

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#### **Facebook is not a game**

**BY KEITH LOCKWOOD, CHIEF SUB-EDITOR**

**15 Feb, 2012 09:31 AM**

AS we said in this column on Monday, the Wimmera has been rocked to the core by the tragic deaths in Horsham and Goroke at the weekend.

We do not wish to comment further on the cases in question – they are before the courts and we must let the rule of law and justice run its course.

But what does need to be said is that the violence has sparked an outpouring of comment in the community, some of which is hair-raisingly violent in its own way.

Social media such as Facebook and Twitter are the new form of communication for many people today. Instant comments can be posted far and wide, and people can feel up to the minute and in touch.

On television shows, Twitter comments scroll across the bottom of the screen as talking heads pontificate and prognosticate on current affairs.

But all this freedom to communicate must come with the equally important and parallel responsibility to abide by the law and by the fundamental guidelines of decency and courtesy.

The laws of slander and libel must apply to any form of broadscale communication, whether the offensive words are broadcast, on the printed page, daubed on a wall or tapped onto the digital screen.

When court or legal proceedings are in progress, the community has an even greater responsibility to allow that process to proceed without hindrance.

As my dear late mother told us as children, if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything.

Not a bad policy for all of us.

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#### **Letter to the Editor:**

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#### **MURDER AT GOROKE,**

***Mail-Times, published Friday, 17 February 2012***

That Goroke would follow close on Horsham with its own tragic murder is not related, so according to Acting Inspector Broadbent – *Mail-Times*, Wednesday.

In fact, the very same home at Goroke had been a murder scene during the 1950s, and although newcomers to Goroke may find the current event rather disturbing and unsettling, local residents in their 50s-plus can therefore put the current event into some context.

Statistically Goroke is still a safe town where families need not fear any repeat of such an event.

That is the beauty of living in a town where everyone knows everyone and where, for example, all know the other's movements, character strengths and weaknesses.

There are no secrets, and the life-birth-death cycle is ever present. If a local dies, the flags are lowered at the entrance to the township, at the Post Office and at Jack's shop. [Another flag flies at the Memorial Square.] This is what makes a small community tolerant of its own human failings.

But in this Internet age of immediate communications there is the spectre of unhindered hurtful gossip flowing through the community and beyond.

Keith Lockwood's editorial on the matter splendidly raises the moral issue emerging from the two killings.

Quoting his late mother he advises that those afflicted to excessive gossiping ought for the moment let things cool off and permit the police investigation take its course.

It's a hard ask but this is where the education system has to assist in developing within individuals a moral perspective that disciplines the hedonistic impulse, which can be so base.

Personally, permit me to congratulate the police in securing the crime scene because we can rest easy that the investigation will be a thorough one – that is what police do.

But now here is a challenge for the critical person who, for example, recalls the tragedy that during befell Port Arthur during the 1990s.

Compare the openness and thoroughness with which the police investigated the Goroke shooting with that of the Port Arthur shooting.

It is when such large scale tragedies are hushed up and where records are locked up in archives for decades, then I begin to wonder about the official version of events.

Think about the 9:11 tragedy where physical events happened that in their 'official version of events' went against scientific laws of nature.

We are lucky at Goroke where things are still not yet fully controlled by outsiders! Locals will continue to write their own history of Goroke and district.

**Fredrick Töben**  
**Goroke**

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**Now a letter published in the Wimmera's Weekly Advertiser, dealing with a long-term problem facing Horsham College:**

**YOUR SAY [yoursay@theweeklyadvertiser.com.au](mailto:yoursay@theweeklyadvertiser.com.au)**

**16 February 2012**

## **Bureaucracy**

SIR,- Your front page story, 'Appeal for sense', February 9, 2012, indicates to me that all those involved in the Horsham High-Tech School renovation process have been successfully lulled into passivity by a bureaucracy that's just as sluggish and shy from initiating anything of substance.

Anyone with as little historical awareness may recall the attempted close down of the Goroke Consolidated School and reduce it to a primary feeder school for Edenhope and Horsham. Locals didn't like what was going on and resisted this with great engagement with the result that today there is the Goroke P-12 College. During the 1970s and 1980s principles were sent to Goroke to close down the secondary section – by all manner of means. But they failed, and I know what I am talking about because some of your readers may recall my own fate in supporting the community sentiment, which was vigorously opposed by the central Melbourne education bureaucratic policy makers. It led to the usual phenomenon of threats and intimidation, of divide-and-rule of the local community, which strongly resisted – and won against that faceless bureaucracy in Melbourne.

Nothing worthy is gained without sacrifice and without individuals fearlessly speaking out against injustices. It is an injustice to our students to have the prevailing conditions continue at Horsham College. It is an insult to the community, which however is itself to blame for letting this happen and for continuing to bend to those forces that obstruct development.

But in these trying economic conditions who is prepared to put their job on the line – as I did when the Education Department bureaucracy moved against that small rural Goroke community?

**Fredrick Töben**  
**Goroke**

## **And now an issue that involves a Jewish Sydney Community**

If you Google "eruv", then the east Sydney eruv at Bondi will come up in some detail. Now there is another eruv about to be established in North Sydney at St Ives, but not without some local non-Jewish resistance. Here is the report by the *Australian Jewish News*. Perhaps soon the Melbourne suburb of Glen Eira will apply for its own eruv where the former Glen Eira Public Library building of about 20 years ago at Maple Street has been turned into a Community Centre.

**Fate of eruv in the hands of NSW court – CHANTAL ABITBOL, AJN, February 14, 2012**



**A map of the proposed eruv.**

A FINAL decision on the fate of the North Shore Eruv is expected within weeks. The NSW Land and Environment Court began hearing an appeal by Northern Eruv Inc last week against the Ku-ring-gai Councils rejection of the establishment of a spiritual boundary in St Ives.

Commissioner Sue Morris, accompanied by lawyers from both sides, conducted an inspection of the sites where 17 poles would be erected on private land, and one pole on public land would be extended in height. The 20-kilometre symbolic spiritual boundary would allow Orthodox Jews to push prams and carry keys on Shabbat.

Among those who spoke in favour of the proposal was Northern Eruv Inc spokesperson David Guth, who has been fighting for years to get the project off the ground.

Our applications are valid, Guth told *The AJN*. We've demonstrated in our applications that we conform to the local-planning legislation, and councils previous reports to the council have recommended approval for the development of the application.

However, many local residents spoke out against the application. It is not in the interest of the vast majority of St Ives residents, St Ives resident Neil Ingham said before the hearing.

It creates a social consequence when the non-Jewish community is being asked to accept the Orthodox Jewish attitude that St Ives homes and streets are, for practical reasons, part of Jewish homes and property. Added John Robson, the lawyer representing Ku-ring-gai Council: The overwhelming majority [of residents] have raised genuine concerns, and they are matters of public interest.

Ku-ring-gai Council rejected the development proposal last August. Among its concerns were the visual impact

of the eruv, public interest and impacts on trees and vegetation.

<http://www.jewishnews.net.au/fate-of-eruv-in-the-hands-of-nsw-court/24800>

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#### Note the salient point of public objection:

>>It creates a social consequence when the non-Jewish community is being asked to accept the Orthodox Jewish attitude that St Ives homes and streets are, for practical reasons, part of Jewish homes and property.<<

And so Fredrick Töben senses he has to become active because it is in the public's national interest to become aware of how Jews are slowly creating their own ghettos using the religious argument as justification.



In Melbourne he displayed this flag and likewise in Brisbane, Sydney and Adelaide, thereby claiming this powerful symbol of peace, which hate-filled people fear like the Devil, as protection against the ERUV-isation of Australia. Remember, under this flag Germans outlawed kosher slaughter and vivisection because cruelty to animals is a part of Jewish religion, which designates any non-Jew to be mere cattle-Goyim!

If you are wondering where the flag came from, the following article informs:

#### Nazi Flags raise ire

LIVIA ALBECK-RIPKA, AJN, February 9, 2012



PHOTOS: LOCHLAN TANGAS

A MEMBER of Melbourne's Jewish community has launched a personal crusade against the public display of Nazi symbols, after he and a friend noticed SS and swastika flags flying outside a house in Carrum. Chaiyim Ben Ariel was driving home with a friend last Friday morning when he spotted the emblems. 'My friend and I nearly had a car accident, I couldn't believe what I was seeing', Ben Ariel said. 'It's just disgusting.' The flags were raised outside the home of Robert Boot, a flag seller whose business has no website or official name. Claiming to be apolitical, Boot said the flags were simply a means of advertising his products. 'The ideology behind those flags is not one that I share, it's simply merchandise, the same as if I would be selling shoes or hats,' Boot told The AJN.

'I would never at my wildest moment hang an Israeli flag with what I'm flying today because that really does have a message that would be hurtful.'

When contacted by Ben Ariel and the local council, Boot refused to take down the flags, which he rotates on a daily basis. Expressing a fear that fellow Jews had grown weary of combating hate, Ben Ariel told The AJN: '[Jewish people] are so familiar with anti-Semitism that people in the community are just sick of fighting it.'

Nonetheless, chairman of the Anti-Defamation Commission, Anton Block, condemned Boots behaviour. 'I do not believe that the flag shop proprietor is breaking any laws by flying the Nazi flag. However, his conduct is grossly insensitive and a foolish way of seeking to promote his business. If he has a 1000 different flags in his catalogue, as he claims, he can choose anyone of the other 999 flags which do not stand for the murder of millions of innocent men, women and children,' he said. According to Block, Boot

would only be in breach of legislation if he intentionally engaged conduct that he knew was likely to incite hate or threaten.

Federal member for Isaacs Mark Dreyfus (Labor, Isaacs) called the display highly inappropriate and offensive. 'These symbols offend the thousands of Australian men and women who served during World War II and Australia's Jewish community. These are symbols of the most evil regime of the 20th century. The flag maker should find other ways to attract attention to his business', he said.

Caulfield MP David Southwick echoed the sentiment, condemning Boot for his utter contempt for the pain caused to all Victorians. He called on people to vote with their feet by not purchasing products from a business with such blatant disregard for the enormous community of Holocaust survivors.

In November, Kingston City Council received reports that a Nazi flag was being flown at the same residence. According to the council, when they contacted Boot, he agreed to take the flag down and not to display it again.

Kingston Mayor Cr John Ronke labelled the latest act a blatant publicity stunt and urged people not to give the business any further promotion. 'Kingston Council does not condone flying Nazi flags and this is disgusting behaviour,' he said.

With the council investigating the option of a local law to ban Nazi flags, Boot remained defiant. 'The minute a law is brought in, I will stop [flying the flags] but I will also leave Australia, because it will mean I am living in a dictatorship,' he said.

**Sign the petition at [www.change.org/petitions/hatred-without-a-cause](http://www.change.org/petitions/hatred-without-a-cause)**  
**<http://www.jewishnews.net.au/nazi-flags-raise-ire/24676>**

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## **YOUR SAY: Nazi flag man defiant in Carrum**

**6 Feb 12 @ 06:00am by Jesse Wray-McCann**

A CARRUM flag salesman who attracted widespread outrage after flying Nazi flags outside his house has vowed to do it again.

As revealed by the *Leader*, Rob Boot raised the swastika and SS flags outside his Nepean Highway property on Friday and refused to bow to pressure to pull them down. Mr Boot said he had no political motive in displaying the Nazi symbols, saying he was only promoting his business.

"This is just merchandise, get over it," he said. "Unfortunately, there's a new world sickness of, 'Let's get offended by everything'. They will go up again in the future because they're part of my collection."

Mr Boot, who changes the flags on display at his home each day, criticised calls to have Nazi flags banned.

"The day we have a law like that I'm leaving the country because it means Australia has turned into a dictatorship," he said.

Mr Boot's actions drew fury from the Jewish community, the RSL, a federal MP, human rights

groups and Kingston Council as well as countless passers-by.

Kingston Mayor John Ronke contacted Mr Boot to ask him to remove the flags, which he described as deplorable.

"Kingston Council does not condone flying Nazi flags and this is disgusting behaviour," Cr Ronke said.

He said the council was investigating whether a local law could be introduced to ban flying Nazi flags.

Federal Labor MP Mark Dreyfus, who served on the Australia Israel Jewish Affairs Council, said the display of the flags was "highly inappropriate and offensive".

"These are symbols of the most evil regime of the 20th century," Mr Dreyfus said.

RSL state president Major General David McLachlan said the flags were offensive to veterans.

"I don't know why any sensible Australian who values the sort of life we have here would fly the flags of the Nazi regime," Maj-General McLachlan said.

**<http://mordiallocchelsealeader.wherelive.com.au/news/story/swastika-fury-in-carrum/>**

## Adelaide Institute's Director, Mr Peter Hartung, on a swift national fact-finding tour -



At Sorento he boards the ferry to Queenscliff and meets Australians on the move ...



Peter with long-time Melbourne residents Spencer and Michael ...

## SBS rejects "The Promise" complaint

February 2, 2012 [National News](#) ·

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THE SBS Complaints Committee, including SBS ombudsman Sally Begbie, has found that *The Promise* did not violate SBS's Code of Practice because it was neither anti-Semitic nor racist, and any reasonable viewer would recognise the series is fictional drama.

But the finding flies in the face of the comments from viewers on SBS's website, who believe the series is a factual account of history.

"Surprised to see such an honest and well-balanced account of the lead-up to the birth of the State of Israel. Congratulations to SBS for being brave enough to put on film just a glimpse of what the Palestinian people are still suffering today," a viewer from Melbourne posted.

Another from South Australia went one step further. "Accurate and realistic given 60 years ago. My Australian family now know why my feelings are strong in a particular direction. After being in Greece and involved with the KKE (the Communist Party of Greece). I was stationed in Palestine and can vouch for the high degree of sympathy for the Palestinians and the mixed sympathy and dislike of the Jewish tactics. Especially after the booby-trapping of hung soldiers, and hand grenades rolled down inside cinemas while wounded men were the patrons."

Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) executive director Peter Wertheim, who submitted a 31-page complaint to the ombudsman, described the decision as disappointing and

unsatisfactory. "SBS has simply failed to address many of our principal contentions," Wertheim said.

"They have failed to engage in detail with any of the 75 examples of negative stereotyping of Jews which we provided to them. I am also surprised that SBS has suggested that it is acceptable to portray entire nations in a negative light as a part of a dramatic work."

He also challenged the complaints process. "Five of the seven members of the SBS complaints committee were from senior management and were clearly not at arm's length, even though their bona fides are not in question."

Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council (AIJAC) executive director Dr Colin Rubenstein expressed his disappointment in the decision, "given that even SBS has conceded in its response to complaints that Jews were painted in a negative light in *The Promise*".

"It should be discredited for misrepresenting history and its crude propaganda inflaming anti-Jewish stereotypes," he said. Writing in this month's Australia/Israel Review, AIJAC's director of international and community affairs Jeremy Jones wrote, "If letters to the editors, blog postings and other available data are any indication, this reinvention of reality reinforced some of the worst anti-Jewish bigotry, undermined attempts at mutual understanding, and counteracted the values of tolerance SBS has often professed and championed. "If only those who put so much laudable effort into debunking anti-Asian racism put the same energy into analysing *The*

*Promise*, perhaps SBS would not have used Australian taxpayer money to bring it to our airwaves and keep promoting it."

The ECAJ has the right to file a complaint with the Australian Communications and Media Authority, however Wertheim ruled out taking the issue further.

**JOSHUA LEVI**

<http://www.jewishnews.net.au/sbs-rejects-the-promise-complaint/24595>



## Why Anti-Semitism Is Moving Toward the Mainstream

Posted By Alan M. Dershowitz On January 4, 2012

For the first time since the end of World War II, classic anti-Semitic tropes—"the Jews" control the world and are to blame for everything that goes wrong, including the financial crisis; The Jews killed Christian children in order to use the blood to bake Matzo; the Holocaust never happened—are becoming acceptable and legitimate subjects for academic and political discussion. To understand why these absurd and reprehensible views, once reserved for the racist fringes of academia and politics, are now moving closer to the mainstream, consider the attitudes of two men, one an academic, the other a politician, toward those who express or endorse such bigotry. The academic is Professor Brian Leiter. The politician is Ron Paul.

You've probably never heard of Leiter. He's a relatively obscure professor of jurisprudence, who is trying to elevate his profile by publishing a gossip blog about law school professors. He is a colleague of John Mearsheimer, a prominent and world famous professor at the University of Chicago.

Several months ago Mearsheimer enthusiastically endorsed a book, really a pamphlet, that included all the classic anti-Semitic tropes. It was entitled "The Wandering Who" and written by Gilad Atzmon, a British version of David Duke, who plays the saxophone and has no academic connections. Atzmon writes that we must take "very seriously" the claim that "the Jewish people are trying to control the world." He calls the recent credit crunch "the Zio punch." He says "the Holocaust narrative" doesn't make "historical sense" and expresses doubt that Auschwitz was a death camp. He invites students to accept the "accusations of Jews making Matzo out of young Goyim's blood."

Books and pamphlets of this sort are written every day by obscure anti-Semites and published by disreputable presses that specialize in this kind of garbage. No one ever takes notice, except for neo-Nazis around the world who welcome any additions to the literature of hate.

What is remarkable about the publication of this hateful piece of anti-Semitic trash, is that it was enthusiastically endorsed by two prominent American professors, John Mearsheimer and Richard Falk, who urged readers, including students, to read, "reflect upon" and "discuss widely" the themes of Atzmon's book. Never before has any such book received the imprimatur of such established academics.

I was not shocked by these endorsements, because I knew that both of these academics had previously crossed "red lines," separating legitimate criticism of Israel from subtle anti-Semitism. Mearsheimer has accused American Jews of dual loyalty, and Falk has repeatedly compared Israel to Nazi Germany. Both were so enthusiastic about Atzmon's anti-Zionism—he has written that Israel is "worse" than the Nazis—that they were prepared to give him a pass on his classic "blood libel" anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial. No great surprise there.

What was surprising—indeed shocking—was the fact that Mearsheimer's relatively apolitical colleague, Brian Leiter, rushed to Mearsheimer's defense. Without bothering even to read Atzmon's book, Leiter pronounced that Atzmon's "positions [do not mark him] as an anti-Semite [but rather as] cosmopolitan." Leiter also certified that Atzmon "does not deny the Holocaust or the gas chambers." Had Leiter read the book, he could not have made either statement.

Atzmon himself credits "a man who...was an anti-Semite" for "many of [his] insights" and calls himself a "self-hating Jew" who has contempt for "the Jew in me." If that's not an admission of anti-Semitism, rather than "cosmopolitanism," I don't know what is. As far as the Holocaust is concerned, Atzmon asserts that it is not "an historical narrative." And as to the gas chambers, he doubts that the "Nazis ran a death factory in Auschwitz-Berkanau."

Leiter went so far as to condemn those who dared to criticize Mearsheimer for endorsing Atzmon's book, calling their criticism "hysterical" and not "advance[ing] honest intellectual

discourse." And he defended Mearsheimer's endorsement as "straight forward."

The Brian Leiters of the world are an important part of the reason why anti-Semitic tropes are creeping back to legitimacy in academia. His knee-jerk defense of an admitted Jew hater—who, according to Leiter is not a despicable anti-Semite but an acceptable "cosmopolitan"—contributes to the legitimization of anti-Semitism.

The same can be said of Ron Paul, who everyone has heard of. Paul has, according to The New York Times, refused to "disavow" the "support" of "white supremacists, survivalists and anti-Zionists who have rallied behind his candidacy." (These "anti-Zionists" believe that "Zionists"—Jews—control the world, were responsible for the bombing of the Oklahoma federal building, and caused the economic downturn, because "most of the leaders involved in the federal and international banking system are Jews.") He allowed his "Ron Paul survival report" to espouse David Duke type racism and anti-Semitism for years during the 1990s, claiming he was unaware that they were being promoted under his name. Edward H. Crane, the founder of the libertarian CATO Institute, has said, "I wish Ron would condemn those fringe things that float around" his campaign, but he refuses to reject the support of these anti-Semites who form a significant part of his base. The New York Times has criticized Paul for his failure to "convincingly repudiate racist remarks that were published under his name for years—or the enthusiastic support he is getting from racist groups," including those that espouse "anti-Semitism and far right paranoia."

Even now, Paul continues to accept contributions from Holocaust deniers, from those who blame the Jews for everything and from other bigots, thus lending some degree of legitimacy to their hateful views.

It has been said that "all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Leiter and Paul may or may not be good men, but they are guilty of more than merely doing nothing. They are, by their actions, helping to legitimate the oldest of bigotries. Shame on them!

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<http://frontpagemag.com/2012/01/04/why-anti-semitism-is-moving-toward-themainstream/>

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Dear Professor Dershowitz - I have just read your commentary. What chance is there of you getting together an international team of researchers and commentators, then head this team to look anew at the Holocaust-Shoah as did Iran when in December 2006 it hosted a conference that 'Reviewed' the Holocaust-Shoah?

In this way you could possibly elicit new impulses from individuals who care about the truth of a matter rather than winning-losing at all costs, and this may even assist in creating a favourable atmosphere for the troubled Middle East, in particular in Israel-Palestine.

Please advise.

Dr Fredrick Töben

Adelaide, Australia, 6.01.2012

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Thank you for your submission.

Messages for Professor Dershowitz are reviewed by his staff throughout the day. If you are reading this, rest assured that we have received yours.

If you have submitted a legal case, please allow 6 to 8 weeks for review.

If you have submitted an interview request or an invitation, we will respond as quickly as possible.

If you have written to express a view or have specific questions, we will try our best to respond. We hope that you will understand that time and resources do not allow Professor Dershowitz to respond to every message individually, but he is always grateful for thoughtful comments and questions.

Sincerely,

The Office of Alan Dershowitz

<http://www.alandershowitz.com/meetings.php>

## The unintended consequence of the Assange trial

Barbara Gunnell, 7 February 2012

Say what you like about Julian Assange (and everybody does – with greater variety and certainty than of almost any other living being), he has scored an historic first in the British judicial system.

His case is the first to have been tweeted from the courtroom to the world at every stage, from lowly magistrates to the UK's new [Supreme Court](#) which two years ago replaced the House of Lords as the UK's final court of appeal. That decision by senior District Judge Howard Riddle back in December 2010 to allow tweeting at Julian Assange's first bail hearing now looks uncontroversial. Almost everything else about *Assange v Swedish Judicial Authority* remains as bitterly contested as ever.

But, in the tantalising way of long drawn-out cases, the debatable legal territory seems never to concern matters such as who did what and why.

So anyone attending Court One last week to hear why Sweden came to need to question Assange about sexual relations with two women in Stockholm would have been disappointed. As would anyone wanting to hear discussion of why this request came at just that moment in his chaotic life when his organisation [WikiLeaks](#) had done most to offend powerful US interests by sharing with other media hundreds of thousands of classified documents.

The short version of the [Assange story](#) (which I wrote about at length in Griffith REVIEW 32: Wicked Problems, Exquisite Dilemmas) being debated in the Supreme Court on February 1 and 2, 2012 was that Julian Assange believed the European Arrest Warrant for his extradition to Sweden had been invalidly issued and thus had breached his human rights. He was appealing against extradition.

The problem for the Supreme Court, which will make its decision in the coming weeks, is that if Assange is right it will throw into disarray the entire framework for extradition between European states, since Sweden's alleged errors in issuing the warrant turn out to be commonplace around Europe. The unintended consequence of an Assange victory would be to make cooperation between European states in bringing criminals to justice far more difficult. That makes it also the problem for Assange. This much-referred to Framework was, all agree, cobbled together in haste in the wake of the 9/11 attacks but its intention was to make it easier to cooperate efficiently in the face of a perceived terrorist threat. It may be a bad law, but it is the law.

In the café of the UK's Supreme Court - a white-tiled atrium with the antiseptic feel of a posh hotel lavatory – you can buy a postcard of the Supreme Court's nine Lords and one Lady. They look magnificent, if weighed down, in their gold brocade

robes. A visitors' leaflet points out that the Justices wear these robes on ceremonial occasions only and that advocates appearing before the Court may by mutual agreement also dispense with traditional court dress.

Lawyers in the case of *Assange v Swedish Judicial Authority* chose to be modern so that, in contrast with the fusty Victorian formality of the earlier wigged and gowned hearings, Julian Assange's final attempt to resist extradition to Sweden took place in a business-like setting. The proceedings were televised, live-streamed, and relayed around the world. Microphones worked. It was a 21st century affair (reference to the sixth century Justinian Code notwithstanding).

The Assange trials have seen the emergence of another modernisation. Since his first attempt to resist deportation, argued at a magistrates' court sited in the grounds of a high-security prison, Assange's team has become more and more feminised. Mark Stephens, the bombastic media lawyer given to political proclamations outside the court, has been replaced by the quietly spoken human rights expert [Gareth Peirce](#).

Peirce gives no interviews and makes few statements. She takes on and wins tough and unpopular cases, often ensuring that those with little public sympathy are nonetheless protected from faulty legal procedures. Assange's leading barrister in the Belmarsh hearings was the Australian-born high-profile human rights and media lawyer Geoffrey Robertson QC (who continues to [argue](#) for Assange). But at the Supreme Court, the case against deportation was presented by [Dinah Rose](#) QC, described as a rising star. Named 'Silk of the Year' in the Human Rights and Public Law category in 2011 by Chambers Bar Awards, her fluent performance at the Supreme Court Assange hearing almost drew an inappropriate round of applause when she sat down after several hours of unfaltering argument.

Thanks to live-streaming, we may even see a sudden surge in women choosing law as a career. A number of young women watching Dinah Rose, calm, confident and even funny in her delivery, tweeted that she was their new role model. Another impressive woman on the Assange team is Jennifer Robinson, from Mark Stephens' firm. Australian-born, she has remained an adviser and friend of Assange despite his change of solicitors. Robinson flew in to London from the US for the hearing having earlier in the week accidentally bumped into the United States Attorney General Eric Holder in a cinema and [challenged](#) him over the US treatment of Bradley Manning and WikiLeaks. "When I realised he was behind me," she told me, "I couldn't not say something!"

The quiet, persuasive but technical argument of the new team is that the European framework on extraditions requires a 'judicial' authority to issue a warrant. In the British legal tradition, this means that it must be independent. It cannot be a prosecuting authority or a government authority or a police officer. Marianne Ny, the Swedish prosecutor seeking extradition is not, in this definition, an independent judicial authority. "Other countries do it like this" does not make it right, argued Rose.

Sweden has been represented in court from the outset by Clare Montgomery, another highly respected QC, who lists among her past triumphs saving former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet from extradition from the UK to Spain in 1998. Montgomery questioned the impartiality of one of the law Lords of that time on the grounds that he was married to a human rights activist.

A former world-class fencer (literally), Montgomery has represented Sweden's case somewhat aggressively (she once

parried Geoffrey Robertson's argument about the allegation of rape with the aside that he clearly knew about [rough consensual sex](#)). Her argument in this court was simpler: that the Europe-wide framework for extradition allows Sweden to decide for itself what is a 'judicial authority'. There is, Montgomery has argued, therefore no debate to be had about whether the Swedish prosecutor is the appropriate authority. She is if Sweden declares she is.

Before the hearing, I asked more seasoned legal reporters what they thought of Assange's chances. Like most of the pre-hearing reports, and indeed outlined in the judgment given by the High Court itself in November, they pointed out that since to declare the EAW invalid in this case would overturn the whole [2003 European Framework Decision](#) for cooperating over extradition, Assange had a huge mountain to climb.

Those same commentators might still put their money on the extradition going ahead, but they wouldn't, I am sure, still bet the farm on it.

Endnote: Two days after the hearing concluded, the Court joined Twitter under the user name @UKSupremeCourt. A court spokesman has said that it will be tweeting the Court's decision which is expected in two to four weeks.

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**Fredrick Töben**

On 1 October 2008 I was apprehended at London's Heathrow Airport on the strength of an EAW issued by a prosecutor at Mannheim, Germany, who wished to have me extradited to Germany where I was wanted for 'Holocaust denial'. The court held that the EAW was deficient because three boxes had been ticked that allegedly made out my 'crime': xenophobia, cybercrime and racism. The judge held that a Law Lord had deemed that 'the drip-feeding of information' is not acceptable, and prosecution's response, 'He knows what Germany wants him for', was rejected as sufficient grounds for validating the EAW.

While waiting at Wandsworth prison for my release I met a fellow who had spent six months in prison before the High Court ruled the EAW to be deficient, and released the man. Upon stepping out of the prison gates the police were waiting for him with a 'bettered' EAW, and his extradition to France for some unpaid traffic offence was assured.

I hope the six judges throw out the Assange EAW and thereby stop perverting the course of justice and return to basic Common Law Principles.

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All this speculation is moot. The USA, the greatest 'disappearer', assassin, torturer and 'renditioner' in the world, wishes to make an example of Assange et al (they won't stop at him) for revealing uncomfortable 'truths'. He is too high profile to simply kidnap, 'water-board', lynch and drop into the ocean from a helicopter, so the USA is using one of its most loyal stooges these days, the hard Right Swedish regime, to set Assange up. The stench of corruption over these proceedings is foul, but Assange is a born patsy. He doesn't yet seem to understand that he has been set up (too great is his self-regard), that the WikiLeaks cables were deliberately leaked and have been used, almost entirely, for US propaganda purposes, most notably as part of the PR campaign in the West over the fraudulent 'Arab Spring' scam.

## Spain's unrepentant Holocaust denier

**Bookstore owner Pedro Varela Geiss won't give up on his mission to revise history, even though he is in jail.**

By JESÚS GARCÍA 20/01/2012

The papers are beginning to pile up inside the jail cell of Pedro Varela Geiss. The bookstore owner who is serving time in a Barcelona prison for promulgating literature denying the Holocaust has received more than 1,000 fan letters. People have also sent him books on rightwing nationalist themes, similar to the ones he used to sell at his Europa bookstore that eventually cost him his freedom.



**Pedro Varela Geiss during his 2010 trial for selling books denying that the Holocaust ever took place.- TEJEDERAS**

Varela is a deep-to-the-core Nazi who believes the Holocaust was a "myth." A bronze bust of Adolf Hitler is the crowning decoration inside his bookstore. But despite his inflamed beliefs, Varela is a well-groomed gentleman. He detests violence and hates "skinheads," whom he considers ignorant of the Third Reich's "true" history. There is no doubt that he has a lot of influence as a promoter of Nazi ideology; his background as a Nationalist Socialist is a long one.

At 15, he joined the Spanish Society of the Friends of Europe (Cedade), which is considered one of the best-organized Nazi groups on the continent. Varela quickly became a revisionist and made the denial of "Shoah" (Hebrew for Holocaust) Cedade's main mission. He has presided over the Barcelona-based group since 1978.

Since his incarceration 13 months ago, Varela has painted himself as a martyr, a political prisoner, who was thrown in jail for selling a few books about the realities of the establishment and how Jews want to hurt citizens.

During his trial, he claimed to be a victim and compared his situation to that of Jesus, Joan of Arc or Gandhi. Varela spends his days answering his mail and reading the books that are sent to him. A vitamin deficiency problem has caused him to lose his hair. Still, he refuses to receive any type of injection because he prefers natural remedies.

**Prison authorities, his lawyers say, won't let him go to the gym. His way with words and his charm have jailers concerned that Varela would be able to spread his Nazi ideals among other inmates.**

Last October, Varela, without the prison authorities' consent, left six books at the jailhouse library: Manual of the Iron Guard; Proof against the Holocaust; The Thoughts of Richard Wagner; Francoism; The History of the Defeated and The Bishop Williamson and Other Deniers, according to a prison report. This "serious" infraction, along with other conduct reprimands, has cost him prison privileges. It is possible that

he won't win an early release for good behavior and will have to serve out his entire term, which ends in late March.

When Catalan police raided his Europa bookstore in 2006, they confiscated dozens of books dealing with Holocaust-denials, anti-ethnic policies, and Nazism.

Prison authorities believed it would be a good idea if Varela spent some time talking to Jewish groups and anti-racist organizations as part of his rehabilitation, but the bookstore owner told them in a polite way where "to go" because he believes they want to brainwash him.

Born on October 9, 1957, Varela came from a family that supported Francisco Franco. When he was young he helped out a lot in social causes, including at the Red Cross and the Sisters of Charity in Barcelona. The nuns were enchanted with his personality, with his gentlemanly manner and his power of persuasion. When the nun's mother superior found out he was in jail, she rushed to see him.

"There are a lot of people who were attracted by his courtesy, his knowledge of culture and his savior faire. He has a great power of persuasion but I never saw him use it. He didn't like taking advantage of people this way," says Acacio Luis Friera, one of his closest friends who created a webpage where supporters can sign a petition demanding that Varela be freed. "He believes in everything he says," Friera claims, "and I know there is one thing that he is clear about - no one is going to change any of his ideas." His maternal last name, Geiss, is of German origin and could have been the catalyst for Varela's obsession with German history from a young age. But there are no direct family links to Germany, and he is the only member of his family who has embraced Nazism.

In 1991, he opened his bookstore Europa and filled it with many volumes with the help of a local book publishing company, Ojeda. Among those who have passed through Europa were German ultra-right leader Manfred Roeder, who was convicted for xenophobic attacks in Germany; revisionist British historian David Irving; and David Duke, former leader of the Ku Klux Klan.

When he was younger, Varela wanted to become a fighter pilot and was very interested in the air battles that took place during World War II, especially those involving the Luftwaffe. He graduated with degrees in history and German philology.

A father of a three-year-old girl, Varela is married but his wife and child live outside of Spain.

In 2008, the Constitutional Court ruled that denying the Holocaust wasn't a crime in Spain and ordered the Barcelona High Court to give him a shorter sentence. While sitting in prison, Varela recently found himself in another legal jam when a Barcelona court opened an investigation into a copyright infringement complaint filed by the Bavarian state government over allegations that he sold copies of Hitler's *Mein Kampf* without its permission. Bavaria has had the copyright since the end of the war and rarely gives new permits to republish it. However, that 70-year copyright will end in 2015.

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### Judge dismisses claims of "anti-Semitic climate" at UC Berkeley

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A lawsuit over alleged anti-Semitism at the University of California Berkeley has been dismissed in its preliminary

stages. The case was dismissed after a district judge determined that students had accused the university's

administrators of allowing an “anti-Semitic climate” to develop on campus failed to support their claims.

On 22 December in San Francisco, US District Judge Richard Seeborg ruled in favor of a motion to dismiss the lawsuit. In his ruling, Seeborg stated that “plaintiffs have failed to allege facts supporting a claim that defendants have violated plaintiffs’ legal or other constitutional rights or that they have legal duty to take further action to control the conduct of other persons.”

The lawsuit, which was filed on 18 May 2011 by Jessica Felber, a 2010 UC Berkeley graduate, and Brian Maissy, a current UC Berkeley student, and members of UC Berkeley’s Zionist student organization Tikvah, alleged that the activities of [Students for Justice in Palestine](#) (SJP) and the Muslim Student Association (MSA) “threaten and endanger the health and safety of the University of California’s Jewish Students.”

The plaintiffs referred to the MSA, SJP and the Muslim Student Union (MSU) — an organization that actually does not exist on UC Berkeley’s campus — as “the anti-Semitic/anti-Israel MSA, SJP and MSU.” The centerpiece of the suit was an incident that Felber claimed to have occurred in March 2010. Felber alleged that an SJP member rammed into her with a shopping cart as she demonstrated on the campus’ well-known protest area, Sproul Plaza, during “Israeli Peace and Diversity Week.” The suit went on to invoke a long list of other supposedly similar or related incidents in which the MSA, SJP and other Muslim student organizations from other UC campuses allegedly committed acts of violence and harassed Jewish students and individuals.

#### No coherent or plausible argument

The lawsuit was dismissed during the motion to dismiss phase, in which the judge rules on the assumption that all information presented by the plaintiff is true, requiring no discussion or investigation of the accuracy of the plaintiffs’ claims.

A portion of the lawsuit was examined under the First Amendment of the US Constitution. Seeborg stated in his ruling that nothing in the complaint “shows any deprivation of plaintiffs’ ‘freedom of assembly’ at all. Additionally, from the facts presently alleged, it is far from clear that any person interfered with plaintiffs’ free exercise of religion.”



**Lawsuits and criminal trials have threatened the free speech rights of California campus solidarity activists.**

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The judge added, “some courts have allowed public colleges to outlaw harassing speech and conduct that interferes with students’ rights, but schools have no legal duty to do so” (“[UC Berkeley students’ anti-Semitism suit dismissed](#),” *San Francisco Chronicle*, 26 December 2011).

Another portion of the claims are brought under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. These claims were also dismissed though Seeborg’s ruling allows plaintiffs twenty days to amend (until 11 January 2012). Seeborg’s ruling explains that plaintiffs’ claims fail to show that the events presented in the complaint

had indeed interfered with students’ access to educational services.

Overall, the ruling reveals the completely ludicrous nature of the complaint and its frivolous use of the law. However, since the litigation excludes MSA and SJP as defendants in the suit, the organizations are provided no opportunity to respond to the allegations made against them.

#### Propagating false allegations

In general, the complaint links together the activities of all Muslim student groups as well as California SJP and SJP-National together as if the groups are officially and strategically coordinated with one another. The suit lists occurrences on the UC Berkeley campus alongside incidents on several other University of California campuses as evidence of the administration’s encouragement of SJP and MSA’s “campus terrorist incitements.”

In the official complaint, the plaintiffs claim that the alleged incident in which Felber was assaulted by an SJP member on Sproul Plaza was the product of the defendants’ failure to “effectively discipline the MSA and SJP for their pro-terrorist programs, goals and conduct” on the UC Berkeley campus as well as across the UC system. The complaint repeatedly refers to “the SJP, MSA and MSU,” claiming that the MSA is also known as the MSU, when in fact, there is no official strategic coordination between different chapters of the MSA or MSU nationally.

This tactic of mis-naming and mis-grouping sought to blur the lines of national, cultural, religious, ideological and political association to the end of constructing an imaginary rivalry between Muslims (used in the lawsuit as a “catch-all” including Palestinian solidarity activists of all backgrounds, all people of “Middle Eastern” origin, Muslims of all ranges of religiosity) and Jews.

In the context of this fabricated rivalry, all criticism of Israeli policy is anti-Semitic and therefore illegitimate. Additionally, the suit alleges that SJP is the “militant arm” of the MSA, while in fact there is no formal coordination between the two groups other than co-sponsorship of some campus events.

#### Myth vs. reality about student solidarity groups

SJP has close relationships with numerous progressive student groups. During Cal SJP’s “divestment drive” in the Spring of 2010, 43 student organizations signed on [in official support of a student senate bill that sought to divest University funds from Israel](#).

Furthermore, SJP itself is not a “Palestinian activist group” as the complaint states. Its members are from a wide range of backgrounds, the majority of which are non-Arab and non-Muslim. In general, the leadership of SJP in the past five and a half years of its existence as a registered UC Berkeley student organization has reflected a majority of non-Arab and non-Muslim individuals, though the demographics shift from year to year.

The suit also conflates “Jewish” with “Zionist” in claiming that “anti-Zionist” equals “anti-Semitic,” disregarding the existence of the anti-Zionist Jewish voice — a voice that has been strong within SJP since its registration with the Associated Students of the University of California in the spring of 2005.

Of course, this abuse of the legal system in suppressing Palestinian solidarity activism both on and off university campuses is nothing new. Only after twenty years were charges against the Palestine solidarity activists dubbed the “LA 8” dropped for allegedly raising money for the [Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine](#).

In 2001, the US government used the courts to shut down the Holy Land Foundation, formerly the largest Muslim charity in

the US, and the group's founding members [remain imprisoned on terrorism charges](#).

[Dr. Sami al-Arian](#) remains under house arrest to this day, awaiting a judge's ruling on charges of criminal contempt based on his humanitarian relief and advocacy work. And most recently, the court system has been used to convict a group of students at UC Irvine — [known as the Irvine 11](#) — of conspiracy charges for exercising their most basic first amendment rights when they protested the speech of Israeli ambassador Michael Oren in February 2010.

#### **Students not deterred**

Despite intimidation, student groups across the country and the around world continue to speak out against injustices and repression at home and abroad. From the efforts of students to realize the Palestinian call for [boycott, divestment and sanctions](#) (BDS) to the Occupy movement within which the slogan "Occupy (fill in the blank), not Palestine" has arisen. The endless list of demonstrations and victories for BDS and the Palestinian solidarity movement include numerous student campaigns and actions.

In May of 2010, DePaul University's Student Government Association [passed a resolution to replace Sabra hummus products](#) with an alternative brand in campus dining halls. One

co-owner of Sabra provides financial support and supplies to two Israeli military units implicated in human rights abuses, the Golani and Givati brigades.

On 26 October, 2011, [a walk-out at the University of Michigan](#) left 15 audience members in the room to hear a speech given by Israeli deputy consul Ishmael Khalidi. And in the UK, the National Union of Students [unanimously passed a motion](#) demanding an immediate end to King's College London's involvement in an EU-funded research project with the Israeli cosmetics firm Ahava in November of this year.

No less can be expected of university students across the globe in the Spring of 2012 with the upcoming 8th annual [Israeli Apartheid Week](#) (IAW), an action that gains presence on more campuses every year. In 2010, the first IAW was organized in the occupied West Bank.

As has been the case throughout history, students will remain at the forefront of movements for change despite attempts to discourage and brutalize. The Palestine solidarity movement is no exception.

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## **Paul Weston: One Week in the Death of Britain**

**As Crime ramps up, largely from third world immigrants and others not native to the British Isles, Britain is forced into releasing many arrested criminals due to a rather passive criminal justice system and the attendant lack of jails and other facilities to cope with these elevated non British [ethnic] crime patterns...The solutions becomes clear for all First World Nations facing similar problems with immigrant crime: secure all national borders and limit legal immigration with caveats relative to favorable criminal background checks, and intellectual and monetary resources for new immigrants. Also, Deportation for Immigrants committing violent crime, and securing national borders are paramount. Our English correspondent Paul Weston has a thing or two to tell us about the current parlous state of affairs in Modern Multicultural Britain. Pour yourself a stiff drink before you start reading, because you're going to need it.**

The rapid descent of Britain into a racial, cultural, economic, moral, educational and societal ruin continues apace. The following stories are gleaned from newspaper articles printed in just **one week**:

We learn that despite David Cameron's lofty ambition of reducing immigration to the "tens of thousands", a record [586,000](#) immigrants arrived on the shores of this small island in 2010. As a result, 344,000 disillusioned people immediately voted with their feet and emigrated. Many of those leaving would have been indigenous Brits, although this cannot be verified because there are no real border controls.

Amongst the new arrivals was Zimbabwean Phillip Machemedze, one of Robert Mugabe's secret policeman and [torturers](#). Despite committing murders too gruesome to describe, Machemedze will be allowed to live scot-free in Britain at a cost of £50,000 per annum to the British tax-payer, who must fund HIV treatment for both himself and his wife.

If murderous foreign criminals are whimsically imported into liberal democracies, one can only reasonably expect the expected. The violent crime levels prevalent within our vibrantly diverse communities are therefore astonishing only to the liberal/left.

A prime example is Santre-Sanchez- Gayle, a black contract-killer aged only fifteen who has just been jailed for the [shot-gum murder](#) of a young Turkish mother, Ms Gulistan Subasi, allegedly on behalf of her Turkish boyfriend. Gayle was paid a fee of £200 which he subsequently and somewhat improvidently spent on a Dolce and Gabbana beanie hat.

Amongst the initial targets of the investigation into Miss Subasi's murder were members of [Turkish crime syndicates](#) in Britain, who control up to 90 per-cent of heroin coming into the country. The Serious Organised Crime Agency estimates there are 6,000 such criminals in the UK and that Turkish "Godfathers" were now subcontracting "hits" to the alienated teenagers of England's myriad black street gangs.

In Birmingham, a white father and son were seriously injured by three [knife-wielding black youths](#) as they bravely sheltered an Asian boy who had desperately banged on their front door seeking multicultural assistance. Martin Thompson and his eighteen year-old son Edward suffered multiple stab wounds, including a punctured lung. The Asian youth was unharmed.

In Milton Keynes, two Somalis, Mohammed Farah and Amin Ahmed Ismail were [shot dead](#) in an execution style, leading police to believe it was a gang-land drugs hit. The town is situated in the stock-broker belt of Buckinghamshire and is home — believe it or not — to a close-knit Somali community of around 10,000...

Milton Keynes police handed out leaflets written in Somali in an attempt to "reassure" the community, but tactfully avoided the inharmonious revelation that 1 in 3 Somalis [suffer](#) from some form of violent mental illness brought about by exposure to civil-war brutality.

In Tower Hamlets, East London, a gang of four Muslim men launched a horrific [attack](#) on a white Religious Education teacher because they did not approve of him teaching Muslim girls. Azad Hussein, Sheikh Rashid, Simon Alam and Akmol Hussain armed themselves with iron rods and beat 28 year old Gary Smith into a bloody pulp. Mr Smith suffered a brain

haemorrhage, permanent facial scarring and both long and short-term memory loss.

Also in Tower Hamlets, which is now run by an Islamic Council, street names are being changed into Urdu and homosexuals are being asked to refrain from appearing on the streets in public. [Gay-free zone](#) stickers are appearing throughout the borough, but this is not mentioned by the BBC or MSM because in the wonderfully wacky world of Political Correctness, Islam trumps homosexuality.

Britain's liberal and pitiful open borders policy has allowed a tidal wave of child-trafficking, voodoo-murder, slavery, rape and forced prostitution. The *Guardian* newspaper [reports](#) that thousands of children are smuggled into Britain every year.

"Many trafficked children are not perceived to be valuable," said Christine Beddoe, director of [child protection](#) charity Ecpat UK. Children can fetch as little as £300, although Scotland Yard believes some have been sold for as much as £16,000.

Many are tortured and some undoubtedly murdered, say campaigners. A trafficked five-year-old boy from Nigeria was finally identified several weeks ago, 10 years after being killed and dumped in the River Thames. His arms and legs had been cut off and he had been disembowelled whilst still alive. Police believe the murder was linked to Nigerian "Muti" ceremonies. Twenty-one Nigerians living in south-east London were linked to the torture and murder.

David Cameron's government is aware of the figures involved and is also aware that half of the children taken into local authority care subsequently disappear, yet do nothing about it for fear of being accused of racism. It is this wicked political disregard that outrages the likes of Anthony Steen, the former Tory MP who heads up the [Human Trafficking](#) Foundation in Britain. According to Steen, "Mafia gangs circle children's homes waiting to remove victims."

Meanwhile, the policing resources allocated to tackling child trafficking are risibly small. Senior officers have conceded privately to the *Observer* that the Home Office makes little attempt to prioritise the issue which falls under SCD-5, a unit comprised of only **five** dedicated officials

A three-month "scoping" project at Heathrow airport detected 1,800 unaccompanied children, half aged under 11. A recent report by the Conservatives described child trafficking as "an escalating problem with a weak support structure in place" yet after a year in power they have weakened our ability to thwart child-trafficking to such an extent that they appear to actively promote the ongoing trade in human misery and degradation. Staying with crime, but this time of an indigenous nature, we can view the increasing viciousness of our progressively educated children and the ever-increasing uselessness of the British police. When reading these stories it is wise to remember that David Cameron feels that young criminal "hoodies" need to be loved and respected...

In Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, seventeen year-old Jenna Burns was [beaten unconscious](#) in a senseless random attack. Three young men set upon the trainee hairdresser as she walked home, knocked her to the ground with a single punch and as she lay unconscious battered her with kicks to her face and body, leaving her with a broken nose and two chipped teeth.

In Bristol, Marie Wastlund was walking home from a night out when she saw three hooded thugs [throttling](#) and kicking a woman in full view of a parked police vehicle containing two doughnut-chomping policemen who seemed oblivious to the screams and shouts.

Miss Wastlund intervened and did the policemen's jobs for them, leading Superintendent Ian Wylie to later state: 'I am

grateful to the witness for reporting the incident and bringing to our attention her concerns about a police car nearby. We take allegations such as these **very** seriously.' Two policemen against three thugs may be a little one-sided, but given plainclothes, baseball bats and a numerical advantage they are less than reticent. In the course of apprehending a car thief in a non-moving traffic jam, five officers from Enfield Crime Squad saw the need to [smash](#) the windows with baseball bats before arresting the driver.

The above is not really much of a story, but I **do** expect the British police to intervene when lone females are being obviously assaulted by multiple males, whilst I **do not** expect them to behave like the Columbian drug squad when making a straightforward arrest. Both examples are symptomatic of the modern British police "service".

Mind you, perhaps we should be grateful that there still exist some tough guys in the police service. After reading a "Lifestyle Advice" booklet which has been [distributed](#) amongst our boys in blue, one is hard pressed to believe that law-enforcement is their metier, as opposed to hairdressing.

Within the tax-payer funded pages of guidance issued by police forces offering advice on everyday living, the Police Service of Northern Ireland suggests officers' shift the pounds by taking up 'gardening, dancing or housework'. Durham Constabulary urges staff not to 'expect your wife to do the chores' and reminds them to 'make dates with your spouse'. After a hard day's box-ticking, form-filling, target-achieving and ethnic out-reaching, officers are advised to 'Ensure your mattresses and pillows are comfortable and supportive...try to restrict fluids to prevent visits to the bathroom, although it has to be acknowledged that some people like to have a milky drink prior to bedtime to help soothe them.'

David Davies, the Conservative MP for Monmouth and a special constable with the British Transport Police said: 'This is frankly ludicrous,' whilst a spokesman for Durham Constabulary defended its guide saying: 'It makes good sense to provide staff with advice and support to enable them to function effectively while maintaining a good work/life balance.'

It must be very demoralising being a modern British policeman. Not only are they treated as imbecilic children, they also have to watch the majority of their target quota walk free. Nearly two-thirds of criminals [avoided jail](#) last year, with 62,000 persistent offenders given community service or a fine rather than jail, despite the majority of them amassing at least 15 convictions.

Even when criminals are locked up, the perverse world of the British Justice system never fails to amaze. In an act of unparalleled lunacy, Wayne Bishop was [released](#) having served only one month of an eight month sentence after he invoked Article 8 of the Human Rights Act, which guarantees the "right to respect for a private and family life."

Mr Justice Maddison and Mr Justice Sweeney agreed that imprisoning him was not in the "best interests of his children" and ordered the sentence to be suspended. The case is thought to be the first time Article 8 — repeatedly used by foreign criminals to avoid deportation from the UK — has been used to let a prisoner walk free from jail.

Article 8 does not always work though. A paedophile illegal immigrant, [Zulfar Hussain](#), has finally been thrown out of Britain after a long court battle in which he claimed that his deportation would breach his human rights. This is good news, but Hussain represents only a drop in the multicultural ocean and cost the taxpayer over £100,000 in his welfare funded legal battle to remain in Blackburn, Lancashire.

Meanwhile, in Leicester, a young Zimbabwean woman who repeatedly stabbed her mother as she slept has [walked free](#) from court. Mr Justice Keith said he accepted the defendant had strong beliefs in witchcraft, and thought she was possessed by the spirit of her dead grandmother at the time of the attack in May 2009. He told Ms Mbulawa: 'I hope that you and your mother can come to terms with what has happened. I wish you all the best for the future.'

Britain's educational establishment is similarly dysfunctional. In an effort to promote egalitarianism, the "Conservative" coalition has decided to legally [persecute](#) middle-class children by putting the socio-economic background of potential students ahead of their intellectual capacity, thus ensuring a larger pool of disadvantaged students who will subsequently, and quite extraordinarily, be allowed to [use iPods](#) "to help them concentrate" during exams.

Ex-Headmistress Katharine Birbalsingh is the educational Pin-up girl of the Conservative Party, yet despite her good intentions she simply has no idea how to educate children. The following quotes are taken from her [blogsite](#) at the Telegraph, and tell a tale of how **not** to educate children:

"I remember about the same time, before Obama became president, asking a group of black children — ranging in age from 12 to 14 — to name living black people who were well-known. But they didn't name Condoleezza Rice, a name that at the time was mentioned constantly on the news. Neither did they name Nelson Mandela. That was something I found astonishing. Interestingly, they did name Jackie Chan."

"Nah man! Nah... Jackie Chan ain't black... I mean, I know what ya mean, but yeah, yuh know bruv... he ain't black... Naaaahhhh..." They'd shake their heads. "Yeah, yeah, but... it's Jackeeee man! Yuh know! Man! He's got to be BLACK!" "What else is he, MAN!???"

"Erm... well, Chinese?" I wanted to venture, **but didn't dare**. In the end, they agreed. Jackie Chan was definitely black. I wrote his name down — somewhat reluctantly — on my scrap piece of paper. It was one of those surreal moments at school, **of which there are several each day**, when you look around, wondering: "Am I on candid camera?"

No, Miss Birbalsingh, you are simply involved in churning out semi-educated young people fit only for the scrap heap of life. You do so because you are physically frightened of your pupils and because you adhere to politically correct strictures that ordain the actual education of children, the actual passing on of facts, to be less important than the elevation of their ethnic culture and self-esteem.

**Madness, of course, but the following story is even worse. A teacher with 30 years' experience was sacked for gross misconduct after a rowdy pupil claimed he grabbed his arm and left four small scratch marks. Mr Ronnie Lane, 56, admitted confronting the unruly 15-year-old boy who had special educational needs, after he had repeatedly wandered around the classroom 'scrunching up' other boys' GCSE art coursework.**

Vice chairman of governors Jonathan Jones told the hearing that a disciplinary panel had reached the opinion Mr Lane had 'failed to control a challenging class' and his conduct in grabbing the teenager 'was not acceptable'. The boys in the class were asked to sign witness statements. Those who did stated that Mr Lane merely touched the pupil and that the rowdy pupil had embellished the story.

So there you have a snapshot of education in dying Britain. A progressive female teacher who will not tell her black charges that a violent (and therefore admirable) Chinaman is indeed a Chinaman, lest she undermine their Cultural Blackness, and a

male teacher with an impeccable record sacked on the word of a violent "special needs" pupil.

Britain's economy also suffers from a form of unrealistic madness. Tata (formerly British Steel) announced that it was to cut more than [1,500 jobs at plants in Scunthorpe and on Teesside](#). The directors later [confirmed](#) that their decision was influenced by the introduction of a costly carbon floor price at the last Budget, a propagandised global-warming issue which the ever expanding Chinese economy conveniently ignores.

We cannot [afford](#) to lose our work force, our industry or our tax base. Britain is currently some three trillion pounds in debt. This amounts to £150,000 per tax-payer, a sum that can never be paid off. In addition, money raised in taxes does not cover the outgoings of our welfare state, so the government, despite being accused of making cuts, had to borrow a further 167 billion pounds last year. The annual interest on our debt is 42 billion pounds. Britain is effectively bankrupt.

Despite this economic catastrophe, our witless Prime Minister is increasing foreign aid by 37% to [9.4 billion pounds](#), some of which is earmarked for Egypt and Tunisia because Cameron genuinely believes that the revolutions in the Middle East will bring about fluffy liberal-democracies, as opposed to the far more [probable](#) Muslim Brotherhood governments and new Ayatollah Khomeinis.

His largesse also applies to Pakistan, a country which supplies nearly half of the [terrorist plots](#) against Britain. Cameron, on a valiant and robust visit to Islamabad last week, promised £650m in Danegeld to fund four million school places, 90,000 teachers, and the refurbishment of 8,000 schools, arguing that education is the best antidote to terror. Pakistan is now the largest beneficiary of UK aid.

And just as central government borrows money to fund exorbitant waste, so our local councils spend tens of millions of pounds on taxpayer-funded [credit cards](#). Local authority executives and councillors treat themselves to first-class travel, holidays in foreign climes and five-star hotels, whilst pensioners who pay for their salaries and expenses are forced to decide whether they can afford to eat that night and be cold, or to not eat and turn on the heating.

The most obscene example of council greed and immorality was [exhibited](#) last week by Sharon Shoesmith, former head of Haringey council children's services. Shoesmith was sacked after presiding over the endemic failures which allowed 17 month-old Peter Connelly to be tortured to death, but has just won an appeal claiming she had been unlawfully removed from her £130,000 per-annum post.

Shoesmith was awarded [one million pounds](#) and said after the hearing: "I'm over the moon... absolutely thrilled." Lucky old Sharon... the public-sector certainly likes to look after its overpaid own, unless of course fighting for King and country is your profession. Soldiers in Britain's elite Parachute Regiment returned from Afghanistan last week to find that the Ministry of Defence proposed to [cut](#) their £180 per-month parachute jumping "danger" allowance.

Privates in the Parachute Regiment, who risk life-and-limb fighting in their political masters' peculiar little wars, are only paid around £12,000 per annum. The loss of their danger allowance therefore represents a pay-cut of 18%, not something the employees of Haringey Council's multicultural and murderous Social Services department would countenance, I'm sure.

In other news, we see the ongoing defilement of Britain's sovereignty as the EU [power-grab](#) wrests control from our government departments. The unelected Baroness Ashton has requested that her European External Action Service (an

embryonic foreign office designed to give the EU a single identity on the world stage) be granted £427 million for this year's budget.

Ashton will draw her own £230,000 salary from this astronomical sum — before expenses, of course. And why not? If wages were linked to megalomania then there seems to exist a certain parity. The hard-working Baroness's job title, reminiscent of an African dictator's immediate subordinate, is "High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy."

Somewhat improbably (given her hectic schedule, of course) Baroness Ashton has at least produced a couple of offspring, unlike many professional British women over the age of 40 who appear intent on aborting Britain to [demographic extinction](#), helped by a further 20,000 women aged under 25 who had a [second abortion](#) in the last year alone.

Feminist pressure extends all the way to the Horn of Africa, from where yet another highly trained naval serviceman has been [removed](#) from his post after conducting an affair with a female sailor. Liberal insanity proclaims that young women should be allowed to serve alongside young men for protracted periods of time in a confined environment, without adhering to the all too predictable rules of nature.

Finally, in Blackpool over the weekend, 2,000 EDL supporters gathered to [protest](#) about police negligence regarding the murder — and alleged processing into a kebab — of Charlene Downes. Takeaway owners Iyad Albatikkhi and Mohammed Reveshi were found not guilty of her murder after the trial sensationally collapsed amidst accusations of police "incompetence, manipulation and lies".

In the aftermath of the very much unpublicised event, Chief Supt Richard Debicki said "We're pleased the protest has passed off peacefully and we're satisfied we were able to give **both sides** the right to demonstrate...many officers will now remain in the resort over the Bank Holiday weekend to help **reassure** local businesses and communities."

And so ends the week of May 23-30 in the year 2011. Although it just a snapshot, it outlines a country, a government and a people whose civilisational timeline is now measured in years rather than decades or centuries. We are no longer serious about the serious matter of survival. We have nowhere to turn and no one to realistically represent us. Britain, as Lawrence Auster constantly reminds us, is a nation of the [living dead](#).

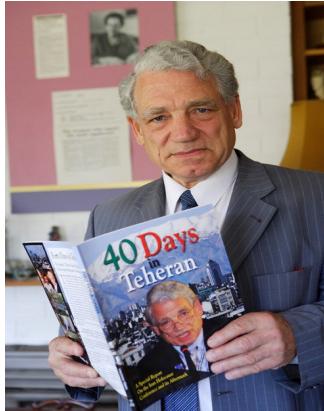
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### Ahmadinejad's Hitler fanboy

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Fredrick Töben

I bumped into Fredrick Töben twice this week. Once when I came across [an interview he gave](#) recently to the [Iranian] Fars News Agency, in which he lauded Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for helping promote Holocaust denial. Töben, who has been a hardcore Holocaust denier for decades, even graciously allowed that Ahmadinejad had taught him a thing or two: "I conducted research into the holocaust before the Iranian president [revealed that he was a denier]," Töben said, "but Ahmadinejad...guided me to grasp a correct understanding of this historical lie."

In the Fars article, Töben presented Holocaust denial as a technique for depriving Israel of its "main tool of propaganda." This is consistent with the approach taken by many Holocaust deniers in the Arab and Muslim world, who argue vociferously that they are not in favor of Nazis or against Jews; they are merely anti-Zionists. This point was made ad nauseum during the infamous 2006 Tehran Holocaust denial conference

convened by President Ahmadinejad's government, at which Töben was a delegate. [Töben wrote about his experiences at that conference [here](#). He has visited Iran numerous times since then, including as recently as [Feb. 2011](#).]

This leads me to the second time I came across Fredrick Töben this week...when he posted a [genuine HITLER VIDEO](#) on YouTube, with the following caption:

**"How wonderful to hear such an inspirational political speech and witness the genuine adulation for the Führer. Compare that with the emptiness and hedonistic self-destructive adulation of today's youths in our free and democratic western world who obtain their inspiration and moral values from rock and sports stars. Note how the predatory international financial system destroys individuals and nations that refuse to submit to the Talmudic-Marxist death dialectic."**

Some folks say that Ahmadinejad should not be taken literally when he says he wants to wipe Israel off the map, that he has no murderous fantasies about Israelis or Jews. I'll take that argument a little more seriously when Ahmadinejad denounces his buddy Fredrick Töben, the Hitler fanboy.



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Fredrick Töben, Tehran 2006 <http://jhate.wordpress.com/author/jhate2/>